

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY STATE CLUBS

Mrs. Clark Fairbank of Fort Wayne is Named President of Indiana Federation.

MRS. JONES NAMED AS VICE PRESIDENT

Franchise League Question Throws Convention in an Uproar—Several Want to Talk at Same Time.

By ELINOR WOLF, Staff Correspondent.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 29.—The following of Mrs. Clark Fairbank of Fort Wayne were in a high state of glee today when the delegates to the Indiana Federation of women's clubs assembled to hear the official announcement of the victory of the northern Indiana women's club over Mrs. Lewis J. Cox of Terre Haute.

In addition to the election of Mrs. Fairbank as president, the following officers were elected: First vice president, Dr. Amelia R. Keller, Indianapolis. Second vice president, Mrs. Victor Franklin Jones, South Bend.

Recording secretary, Mrs. Winfield Scott Johnson, Bloomington. Corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. E. Moore, Kokomo.

Treasurer, Mrs. Edward A. Torrance, Evansville. Auditor, Mrs. A. T. Cox, East Chicago.

Trustee, Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis. General federation secretary, Miss Elizabeth Claypool Earle, Connersville.

The triumph of the "so-called administration" faction came after a day devoted to the bitterest parliamentary wrangling and cleverest electioneering and wire pulling ever witnessed at a gathering of representative women.

"Talk about the Don M. Roberts political machine," said one Cox delegate from Terre Haute, after the afternoon session was over, "why, that Fairbank crowd is the absolute limit."

Although the balloting was conducted with the greatest formality and precaution, and no opportunity for unfair tactics was left open, it was charged that a technicality resulting from the admission of the state franchise league to membership in the federation permitted double representation in sufficient districts to materially affect the result of the election.

During the debate over the franchise league question the convention became unruly and noisy. A proposal that a special committee be appointed to settle the matter was suggested by Mrs. E. M. Wilson of Fort Wayne, and pandemonium followed when a

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J. P. MORGAN ILL, HAS APPENDICITIS

Undergoes Operation and Physicians Predict His Recovery Will be Rapid.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—A successful operation for appendicitis was performed today upon J. P. Morgan, head of J. P. Morgan & Co.

The attack was a mild one and following the operation the surgeons expressed the belief that the financier's complete recovery would be rapid.

YOUTH DECIDES HE WILL GO TO WORK

Free Employment Agency Used as Aid to City Court.

Joseph Dorka, who was arrested upon a charge of vagrancy, preferred by his mother, Dora Dorka, was offered the alternative of work or 30 days in jail by Judge Warner in city court Friday morning. Joseph decided to work.

According to the judge, Joseph's mother notified him that she had done everything she could possibly do for the boy—that he would neither go to school nor work. She said he had been sent away to two different schools, but refused to stay and that he would not get a position.

Joseph told the judge he had several applications in for work but was not able to get a job.

"If I get you a job will you go to work?" asked the judge.

"What is it?" replied Dorka. "Thought that was the trouble. You're too particular. Do you want to work or go to jail?"

"I'll work," was Dorka's final decision.

Judge Warner sent Dorka to the Indiana free employment agency, where he will be supplied with a job.

POLICE GIVEN ORDERS

Will Place the Lid on Too Loud a Halloween Celebration.

Chief Millard F. Kerr has issued special orders to the police department to keep close watch for boys and others who commit Halloween depredations. Almost every year boys cause considerable trouble and much minor damage through their pranks and the police hope to permit as little of this as possible this year. Thus far no reports have been made of depredations but offenders will be strenuously prosecuted according to the police.

In the same order traffic men are notified that they may don their winter caps on Nov. 1 and the officers may also don their winter overcoats at the same time.

IS HELD TO GRAND JURY

Berrien Springs Man Pleads Guilty to Burglary Charge.

Robert Dilley of Berrien Springs, who was captured by Officer Stull early Thursday morning after having stolen \$44 worth of merchandise from a Grand Trunk freight car, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary in the second degree in city court Friday morning. Judge Warner bound Dilley over to the circuit court grand jury under \$1,000 bond.

Dilley had served 10 of his 28 years of life in various prisons in Michigan and Ohio for larceny and burglary.

THREAT TO SHOOT

STOPS SPEEDING AUTO

Howard Harger, arrested Thursday night by Motorcycle Officer Wesolek after a long chase for exceeding the speed limit, appeared in city court Friday morning and pleaded guilty. Judge Warner fined Harger \$5 and costs.

Officer Wesolek noticed Harger on Lincoln way E., three blocks west of Springbrook park. He was traveling 35 miles an hour. Harger had with him another young man and two girls.

Wesolek put Harger under arrest at Springbrook park and started back. Harger turned into Fellows st., and tried to escape, thinking to out-drive the officer. Wesolek gave chase and followed Harger in his speeding car to Jefferson Blvd., where the offender turned east. Harger was driving his car between 45 and 50 miles an hour with Wesolek at his heels.

When St. Louis st. was reached the officer drew his revolver and threatened to shoot unless Harger stopped. The young man did so and the patrol was called. Harger paid his fine.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Zirkund Gorniewicz, cabinet worker; Salomea Szymanowska.

James Ashby, Mishawaka; Jane Harker, Mishawaka.

LINES HELD BY BRITISH

IN SALIENT ABOVE LENS



BATTLE FOR SERB CAPITAL IN PROGRESS

Nish is Being Evacuated by the Civilian Population, Says Budapest—Advance Guard 18 Miles From City.

ANGLO-FRENCH FORCES SEEK TO JOIN SERBS

Capture of City Would Give Teutons Direct Line to Constantinople—Bulgar Cities Bombarded.

BUDAPEST, Oct. 29.—Nish, to which city the Serbian government was removed from Belgrade, is being evacuated by its civilian population. The Bulgarians' advance guard is reported to be less than 18 miles distant from Nish.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—A battle for the possession of Nish, long the Serbian capital, is developing. Bulgarian armies are driving against Nish from the north and east while the German and Austro-Hungarian forces are slowly pressing the Serbs into the mountains south and southwest of Belgrade.

West of Strumitza and along the Salonika-Nish railway south of Velea the bloodiest fighting of the campaign has developed. Bulgarian, Turkish, Serbian, French and British troops are engaged.

Underestimating the strength of the allied forces, the Bulgarians were forced out of their strong positions and now, with Turkish reinforcements are fighting desperately to recover them.

Anglo-French forces are striving with might and main to cut their way through to Nish to reinforce the Serbian army defending that city. If Nish falls the Germans will have interrupted railway communication from Berlin to Constantinople.

Fighting on Serbian territory, Bulgaria is feeling the iron grip on her own soil. In addition to the French invasion near Strumitza, the Black sea and Aegean sea coasts are kept under an intermittent bombardment by allied warships. Yama, Bourgas and Dedegatch have been nearly destroyed.

Russian aeroplanes have attacked Varna from the air and also shelled the railway leading into the port from the west.

PORTS DAMAGED.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 19.—Forts defending Varna, the chief Bulgarian port on the Black sea, were badly damaged by the bombardment of Russian warships. It was officially announced today.

While the Bulgarian city was under fire German submarines appeared and tried to attack the Russian ships, but were driven off.

The official report, which was given out by the admiralty, follows: "Our Black sea fleet on Wednesday bombarded Varna. Our hydro-aeroplanes also dropped bombs. Harbor works, warehouses and the Bulgarian coast batteries were damaged. The city was not hit. During the bombardment the fleet repulsed an attempted attack by German submarines."

"The following supplementary report was issued: 'The German statement that a submarine damaged a Russian warship of the Pantelimon class is untrue.'"

BERLIN, Oct. 29.—(By wireless)—Austro-German troops have captured Batchina, an important railway town in northern Serbia, it was officially announced today by the German war office. Batchina is 40 miles south of the Danube and lies at the junction of the Belgrade-Nish railway and the line running south from Semendria. It is only 10 miles from Kragevatz, the headquarters of the Serbian general staff.

PARIS, Oct. 29.—The Austro-German advance into northwestern Serbia has been checked, according to an official communique on the Balkan situation issued by the French war office today. It follows:

"Since Oct. 26, the Austrians have continued to bombard the Montenegrin front south of the Drina river, but without any result. Near Vishegrad the enemy's advance has been checked. Austro-German attacks in the direction of Gatzko were repulsed."

AMERICANS TO GET NO AID FROM VILLA

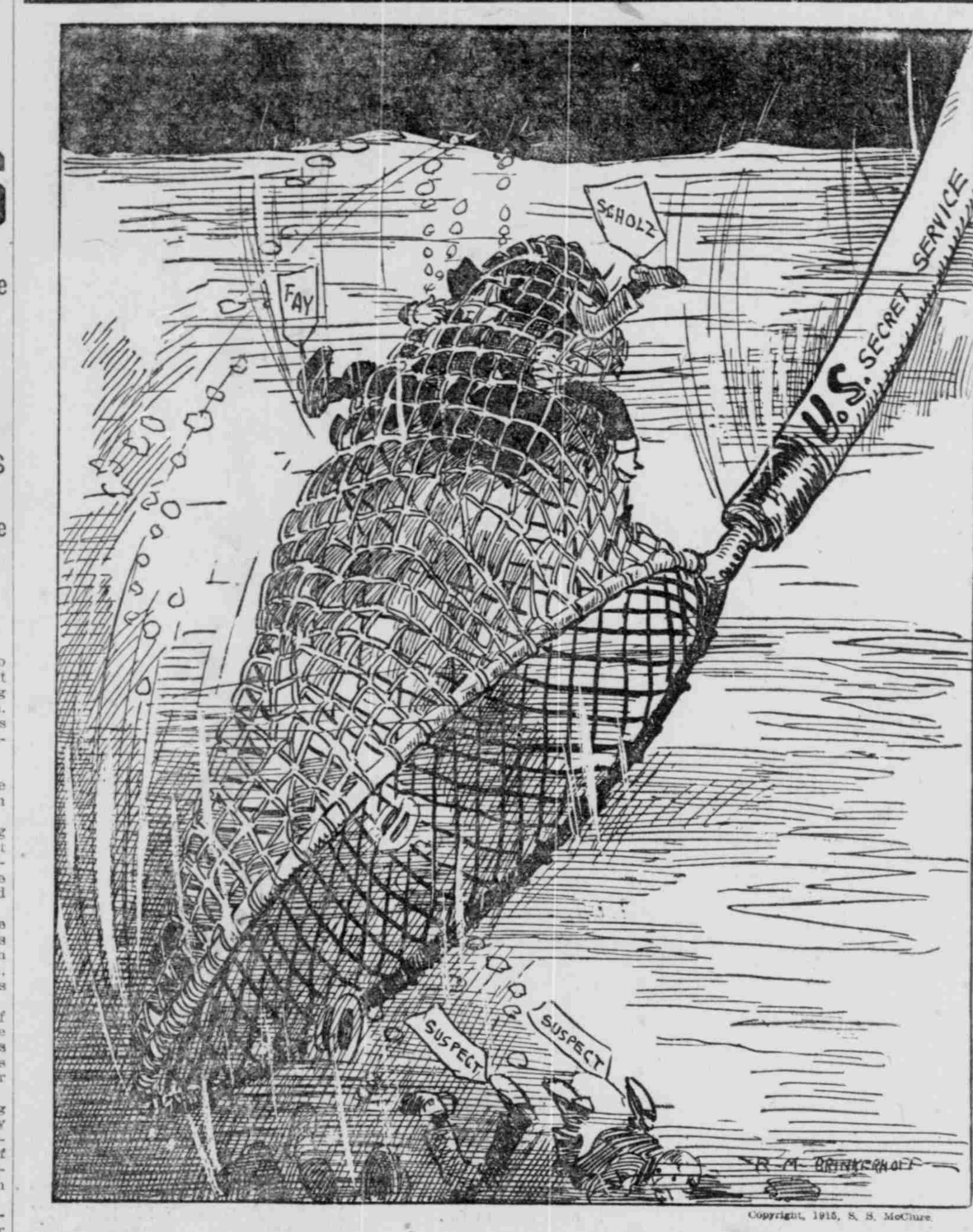
WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Gen. Villa through Carlos Randall, governor of the state of Sonora in Mexico, today served warning on Insensate department that he would be no longer responsible for the lives and property of Americans in his territory.

Randall's communication reached the state department just before noon. In it he said that Insensate as the United States "had given aid to the enemy by allowing his troops to pass over United States soil, the Villista government was forced to take that step."

No reply will be sent to Randall's communication. It was stated that Carranza had been recognized this government cannot have dealings with Villa.

It is believed that there are very few Americans left in Villa's territory.

STILL FISHING.



FRANCE TO HAVE COALITION BODY

Politics Must be Left Behind in Gloomy Hour, Says Briand.

PARIS, Oct. 29.—France is to have a coalition cabinet in succession to the Viviani ministry which resigned yesterday. In an effort to strengthen the government, Aristide Briand, who was commended by President Poincaré to form a new cabinet, invited representatives of all factions to accept portfolios.

In his conferences with prospective appointees, M. Briand declared that patriotism would have to take first place in the mind of every man who enters the new government.

"Politics must be left behind and forgotten in this gloomy hour," said M. Briand.

Six former premiers of France were offered places in the new cabinet, showing the extent of M. Briand's efforts to have all shades of political opinion represented.

Although B. Briand offered to assume the portfolio of foreign minister, it was understood that the foreign policy would be directed by Jules Cambon, who was French ambassador to Germany when the war broke out.

General satisfaction was expressed over the offering of the post of minister of war to Gen. Gallieni, military governor of Paris. Gen. Gallieni is a soldier of long experience and high attainments. He is given credit for the saving of Paris when Gen. von Kluck's German legions were rushing

LETTERS ARE NOT HIS SAYS MELLEN

Witness Denies He Supplied Government—Is Excused Until Wednesday.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Charles S. Mellen, former president and vice president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railway, today finished first stage of his direct testimony in the conspiracy trial of William Rockefeller, Lewis Cass Leary and nine other former directors. He was excused till Wednesday.

When Mellen left the stand after being a witness for eight days he had covered the period from 1892 to 1897, the "expansion period," by the New Haven when Mellen was second vice president in charge of traffic. Mellen's dismissal as a witness followed his heated protest that the proceedings were unfair.

When asked by Frank M. Swacker about a New Haven trolley deal in New England that occurred while Mellen was with the Union Pacific, Mellen burst forth. He declared he knew nothing about the letters read by the government except that he recognized the signatures and he entered vigorous protest that such evidence apparently be credited to the record to him, "even to the uninitiated."

Mellen took occasion to repudiate the testimony offered yesterday by the government tending to show that the New Haven directors had been in England politics and had legislative lobbyists on the job during its trolley activities. Mellen said that the John M. Hall letters read by the government were a complete misrepresentation of him. They were written during the period from 1897 to 1903, when Mellen was not connected with the New Haven and he never had any knowledge of them until he heard them read in court.

"Your honor," said Mellen earnestly, "I am paralyzed that it should be made to appear by the government that these letters are my evidence. I had nothing to do with them further than to identify Mr. Hill's signature."

BRITISH LOSS IS NEAR HALF MILLION

Casualties in All Theaters Up to Oct. 9 Are Announced by Premier.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—British casualties since the beginning of the struggle in all the theaters of war up to Oct. 9 were 493,294 officers and men. These figures were given out officially today by Premier Asquith.

In the western theater (France and Belgium) the English forces have lost 365,046 officers and men in killed, wounded and missing.

The casualties in all the arenas of action in which British troops are fighting, are divided as follows: Killed—Officers 6,660; other ranks 94,992. Wounded—12,633; other ranks 394,832. Missing—Officers 200; other ranks 72,177.

Boy and Match Supposed To Have Started Blaze

PEABODY, Mass., Oct. 29.—Investigation today in the ruins of St. John's parochial school, where yesterday's fire cost the lives of 21 little girls, made known these facts: That the fire started in a closet or small room under the stairs where sweepings, broken desks and the like were stored. That there was no criminal negligence such as would justify an arrest in the case. That the school building met all legal requirements in the line of precautions against such a holocaust.

Deputy Chief George C. Neil of the state police added to the certainties the guess that boys playing with matches in the basement may have been the immediate cause of the fire. "In so large a school," he said, "where there are more than 200 boys you can never be sure what they will do."

A solemn high mass of requiem for the victims of the fire will be held tomorrow in St. John's church. This was the announcement of the Rev.

NOT READY FOR PEACE SAYS LONDON PAPER

LONDON, Oct. 29.—"Pope Benedict and President Wilson will only expose themselves to disagreeable but inevitable snubs if they assume that there is any willingness in London, Paris and Petrograd to accept a patched up peace at this time," says the Globe today in discussing the recent conference between United States Ambassador Gerard and the Kaiser in Berlin. "There can be no peace while the shadow of Prussian Junkerdom lies over the world."

The London press has assumed that the United States is willing to act as intermediary in efforts to restore peace in Europe.

INVASION OF ENGLAND IS TEUTON PLAN

Big Fleet of Warships and Transports Are in Kiel Canal Ready to Swoop Down on British.

SPIES SENT OUT TO SECURE INFORMATION

Special Preparations Are Made to Repel Force—Canterbury is Crammed With Troops.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—(By mail to New York, Oct. 29.)—The British war office is in possession of information which places beyond doubt that Germany intends in the near future to attempt a landing on English soil.

The invasion is planned to take place on the coast of Kent, just south of the Isle of Sheppey. More than four army corps of first line German troops were told off for the British expedition.

Lord Kitchener, the secretary of war, along with other military men who have been watching the disposition of German forces have been puzzled for some time by the absence from active service of several corps of Germany's best veterans.

These particular troops were on the firing line in Belgium in the spring, but were withdrawn and at the same time all traces of them was lost. So anxious was Lord Kitchener about the whereabouts of these crack troops that he asked the French and Russian general staffs to try to get some trace of them through prisoners.

As no trace of the troops could be secured on the battle field, spies were sent into Holland, Belgium and Germany. These spies unearthed the information that the troops were quartered near the Kiel canal where a big fleet of warships and transports is being kept by the German admiralty.

The German plan was to swoop down on the English where they would be least suspected, yet within striking distance of London.

Finally the mouth of the Thames was selected.

Digging Trenches. For weeks, thousands of British troops have been drafted into this area and have been busy digging trenches on the downs overlooking the English channel.

Along the beach from Herne Bay to a point opposite the Isle of Sheppey barbed wire entanglements have been erected and guns planted to sweep the coast.

Most of the wire entanglements were stretched on low ground which is submerged at high tide. Only when the tide is in could a landing be effected for otherwise the flatness of the beach would mean a march of more than a mile in wet sand.

The town of Canterbury is crammed with troops and machine guns. Heavy guns have been moved down from Woolwich Arsenal. The warehouses are filled with ammunition.

Several of the zeppelins which have visited London in recent raids were seen to hover over Kent for a considerable time. The Germans on board were evidently making maps of the country.

MEXICAN IS ARRESTED

Charged With Complicity in Madero Murder.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Oct. 29.—Charles had decided to send an ultimatum to Mexico City of President Madero, Ignacio Rivero, formerly a general in the Mexican army under President Diaz, and financial agent of the Catholic party, was arrested here today as he stepped off a ship from New Orleans. He had been in the United States for the last two years.

ULTIMATUM TO BE SENT GREECE

Attitude of Two Balkan Countries Causing Apprehension in Allied Capitals.

ROME, Oct. 29.—The entente powers have decided to send an ultimatum to Greece, according to information secured in semi-official circles here today. The attitude of Greece and Roumania is causing much apprehension in London and Paris.

The Athens correspondent of the Tribune states that decisive developments are expected within the next 48 hours. The entente powers are expected to send a note to Greece demanding that King Constantine either demobilize or else enter the war against the Teutonic powers.

BERLIN, Oct. 29.—The Farnkfurt Gazette is authority for the statement that Bulgaria has offered to cede to Greece all of Macedonia east of the Monastir-Griev Eli line if she will enter the war against the allies. At the same time Turkey has promised to recognize Greece's sovereignty in the islands seized by Greece from Turkey during the Balkan war.